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GOVERNOR RECOGNIZES ARIZONA'S INTERNATIONAL HERO
Proclaims Saturday 'Silvestre S. Herrera Day'

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano has proclaimed Saturday, December 8, 2007 as “Silvestre S. Herrera Day.”

“Silvestre Herrera lived his life as a humble man of distinction, proud of both his heritage and his United States citizenship, and served as a shining example to all – a dedicated American and a true hero,” Governor Napolitano said in her proclamation.

Herrera, a Glendale resident who passed away November 26 at age 90, was born in Chihuahua, Mexico and raised by his uncle in the United States. He was the first Arizona resident to receive the Medal of Honor – our nation’s highest military honor – during World War II, where he lost both feet in a 1945 battle, but is credited with saving his platoon.

Herrera also received Mexico’s highest military honor, and is the only person ever authorized to wear both awards.

In her proclamation, Governor Napolitano called upon “all Arizonans to honor and remember the life of one of Arizona’s favorite sons.” A copy of the proclamation is attached.

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